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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Goodlatte:

Thank you for your letter of February 19, 2002, on behalf of your constituents and members of the Kim-Stan Landfill Committee, regarding the Kim-Stan Landfill Superfund Site located in Alleghany County, Virginia.

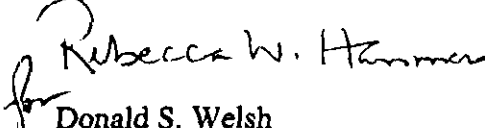
EPA appreciates your support for proceeding with the cleanup of the Kim-Stan Landfill site. Since the site was added to the National Priorities List on July 22, 1999, EPA has been making every effort to expedite the cleanup of this site by implementing the presumptive remedy approach for the proper closure of municipal landfills. Furthermore, EPA is aware of the aesthetic benefits that will be realized by the County with the cleanup of this site and is taking steps to ensure that all remedy options developed for the site will preserve and compliment the natural beauty found in this area as well as accomplish EPA's mission of protection of human health and the environment.

EPA is currently finalizing the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and will use this information to develop the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (proposed plan) for the Kim-Stan Landfill Site. EPA will identify its preferred alternative in the proposed plan, and solicit public comment during a 30-day comment period. Following our evaluation of the comments received on the proposed plan, EPA will select a final remedy for the site and document this decision in a Record of Decision, which we expect to issue this Summer.

EPA has been working closely with representatives from the County and the Kim-Stan Advisory Committee throughout the investigation stage of this process. We look forward to continuing this relationship as we move forward to select and implement the appropriate remedy for this site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Michael D'Andrea, Virginia Liaison Officer, at 215-814-5615.

Sincerely,


for Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator





Congress of the United States House of Representatives

February 19, 2002

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Mr. Donald S. Welsh
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

I write to you on behalf of the Kim-Stan Landfill Committee, a volunteer organization that is overseeing the effort to clean up the Kim-Stan Landfill in Alleghany County, Virginia. I wrote to your predecessor, Ms. Samantha Fairchild, in October 2001 regarding this matter but did not receive a reply.

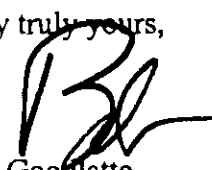
The Kim-Stan Landfill Committee has reached a critical stage in the organization's work with the Environmental Protection Agency. I would strongly urge you to support proceeding with the cleanup as proposed. The project to remove this scar from the Alleghany County countryside will be of significant benefit to the region. It is a project that has widespread support for the public health, environmental, and general aesthetic improvements that it will provide for the community.

I would appreciate you providing me with an update on the status of the project. Please mail your response to my Roanoke office at the address marked below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,


Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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